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Responsive to office letter dated September 2, 2004, kindly amend as

follows:

Cancel claim 4.

REMARKS

The references of record have been carefully considered, and it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 to 3, inclusive, now in the application are directed to subject matter allowable thereover.

Claim Rejections, Section 102

Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, and claim 4 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Gaines, et. al. Examiner states that this reference discloses a collar protector 10 formed by a disposable planar material, column 2, lines 9-11, that has an outer collar member 24 with a configuration corresponding to a garment collar 18 which is longitudinally foldable to overlies the garment collar thereon, as shown in